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Alliance Defending Freedom's Robert Tyler and Erin Hawley contributed to this report question the reckless decision of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's decision to extend emergency use of Pfizer and Moderna's COVID-19 vaccines to babies and toddlers.

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A Wall Street Journal (WSJ) editorial board member Monday called into question the reckless decision of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to extend Emergency Use Authorization of Pfizer and Moderna's COVID-19 vaccines to toddlers and infants as young as 6 months old, writing that the decision was motivated by politics and pressure rather than science.

In her WSJ opinion piece — "Why the Rush for Toddler Vaccines?" — Allysia Finley wrote:

"The FDA standard for approving vaccines in otherwise healthy people, especially children, is supposed to be higher than for drugs that treat the sick.

"But the FDA conspicuously lowered its standards to approve COVID vaccines for toddlers. Why?"

Finley said the answer is not to be found in the science, but in politics.

"Children are at low risk of dying from COVID-19. Only 209 kids between 6 months and 4 years old have died of COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic in the U.S., Annual flu and rising bubble are among the leading causes of death in children 1 to 14 between October 2020 and September 2021 as were hospitalized with the flu during the previous winter.

The two children in Pfizer's trial who got sicked with COVID-19 also tested positive for the virus after receiving the placebo, suggesting the vaccine's protection to COVID-19 this winter were overestimated.

The FDA authorized vaccines for toddlers based on a comparison of the antibodies they generated to the original Wuhan variant with those in young adults who had received two doses. But two doses offer little if any protection against infection with the omicron variant, which is why Pfizer's booster application is only around 40% to 50%.

Vaccinated toddlers in Pfizer's trial were more likely to get severely ill with COVID-19 than those who received a placebo. Most children who fell ill had multiple infections during the trial were vaccinated.

"FDA praised the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for toddlers an emergency-use authorization allowing the agency to expedite access for products that 'present serious or life-threatening diseases or conditions,'" wrote Finley.

"While adult COVID vaccines clearly met this standard in late 2020, the toddler vaccines don't."

As to why the "FDA rushed" and "bent its standards," Finley suggested, "perhaps [the FDA] felt pressure from the White House as well as anxious parents."

White House COVID-19 response coordinator Ashish Jha repeatedly told parents that he expected vaccines for toddlers would be available in June, she wrote.

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JustinWest — 2 months ago
Just discussed on this website and on Twitter, I don't see why we need to get the CDC to recommend or mandate that his Covid jab part 4 all is carried out as part on the childhood vaccination schedule. This will put Pfizer immunity from liability, which is the only reason why they are pushing for this to be done. Let's not become lazy. We are a body, a community, we can't let this happen. Vaccines are not safe, they are not effective, they are not necessary. Please, please, please write to your MP, ask for a meeting, ask for a public debate, ask for any vaccine neutral or death, can you tell them if they tell about their safety?
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Pfizer has a history of withholding known false statements, and material omissions, made during application for the EUA.
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